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1. REGARDING REQUIREMENT FOR SPECIALIZED EXECUTIVE-TYPE JET AIRCRAFT AS REPORTED IN REF (C), ICAO ADVISOR TO GOT ROBERT ALLEN AGAIN CONFIRMED TO COMAT THAT THIS REQUIREMENT STILL EXISTS AND IS UNDER TOP-LEVEL GOT CONSIDERATION AND EVALUATION, ALTHOUGH GOT END-USER NOT IDENTIFIED AND PRECISE SPECIFICATIONS AND PROJECTED MISSION-ROLE NOT KNOWN.

2. RCAA DWOR AND COMAT OCTOBER 2 CALLED ON DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL AIR TRANSPORTATION OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, ASRI AY (DG GUNDUZ GUNGEN PRESENTLY IN MONTREAL) AND JAMES NELSON, PROJECT MANAGER ICAO ASSISTANCE GROUP, TO ASCERTAIN GOT REQUIREMENT FOR EXECUTIVE-TYPE AIRCRAFT.

3. THE FOLLOWING GOT REQUIREMENT APPEARS ADDITIONAL TO PARA ONE:

A) MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA): TO MEET SPECIAL AIR MISSION/VIP AIR TRANSPORT REQUIREMENT FOR HIGH GOT OFFICIALS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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VISITING DIGNITARIES, MFA ACQUIRING VIP KIT FROM MCDONNELL DOUGLAS

AIRCRAFT COMPANY TO PERMIT RECONFIGURATION (FROM AIRLINE CONFIRMATION) NEW MCDONNELL DOUGLAS DC-9-30, RECENTLY PURCHASED BY TURKISH AIRLINES (THY) TO MEET GOT SPECIAL AIR MISSION ROLE. THIS DC-9-30 WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MFA AND RECONFIGURED WITH KIT TO VIP ROLE BY THY ON DEMAND BASIS.

B) STATE AIRPORTS ADMINISTRATION (DHMI): THIS GOT ENTITY, SIMILAR TO U.S. FAA IN CIVIL AIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND ROLE, NOW EVALUATING COMPETING OFFERS FOR TWO TWIN-TURBOPROP AIRCRAFT FOR FLIGHT CALIBRATION OF TURKISH ENROUTE AND TERMINAL NAVAIDS AT FLIGHT LEVELS AT AND BELOW 25,000 FEET. THE TWO AIRCRAFT, WHICH WILL BE ORDERED SHORTLY, WILL REPLACE TWO OBSOLESCENT FLIGHT CALIBRATION AIRCRAFT: ONE BEECH 18 AND ONE DC-3. AMOUNT ALLOCATED FOR ACQUISITION, INCLUDING SPECIALIZED CALIBRATION EQUIPMENT, IS TL40 MILLION (\$2.87 MILLION). GOT APPEARS TO FAVOR BEECH SUPER KING AIR 200.

C) TURKISH AIR FORCE (TAF): APPARENT REQUIREMENT FOR TWO TO FOUR SPECIAL AIR MISSION/VIP TWINJET AIRCRAFT IN CATEGORY OF MCDONNELL DOUGLAS DC-9-30 (VC-9C) OR BOEING ADVANCED 737-200 (T-43A) TO ALSO PERFORM FLIGHT CALIBRATION OF NAVAIDS AND AIRWAYS AT FLIGHT LEVELS ABOVE 25,000 FEET. THIS REQUIREMENT MAY ALSO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL MISSION ROLE OF CLASSIFIED NATURE. (FYI - ACCORDING TO MR. AY, DHMI WOULD HOPE TO ACQUIRE SEVERAL CORPORATE JET AIRCRAFT WITHIN NEXT FIVE YEARS TO ULTIMATELY TAKE OVER FLIGHT CALIBRATION MISSIONS ABOVE 25,000 FEET FROM TAF).
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